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## Det. Fincannon named "1998 Distinguished Law Officer of Year"

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Det. Michael Fincannon was named *The Palm Beach Post's* 1998 Distinguished Law Officer of the Year in Palm Beach County. He shares the title with Boca Raton Community Police Officer Janet Hobson.

In nominating him, his supervisor at the Belle Glade substation, Sgt. David Carhart, said, "I consider Detective Fincannon to be one of the most thorough, hard working and skilled investigators that I've had the pleasure to work alongside."

Both Det. Fincannon and Ms. Hobson received \$1,000 and a trophy during ceremonies held March 4.

Det. Fincannon was recognized for following a case using DNA samples that led to the arrest of a man suspected in the murder of Beaulah Mae Walker. Ms. Walker was found strangled, sexually assaulted and stabbed with a screwdriver in her Pahokee home in April of 1998.



Det. Michael Fincannon

Det. Fincannon was one of the detectives assigned to the homicide, which baffled investigators for several weeks and no substantial leads were developed.

Six weeks after the Walker homicide, Det. Fincannon was asked by a road patrol deputy to follow up a sexual battery case that had just been reported, although the crime had occurred a week earlier. Det. Fincannon interviews the sexual battery victim and recognized

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## Esther Berry and Clarissa Davis win South Bay election

By Debra Miller  
Staff Reporter

After 12 years on the South Bay City Commission Basil Anderson will turn his seat over to newly-elected Palm Beach Community College teacher Esther Berry.

Clarissa Davis, 28, held her

Group 2 seat, beating out John Wilson by only 14 votes.

Mr. Wilson has already requested a recount.

About 269 percent of the city's 1,301 voters participated in Tuesday's election.

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Esther Berry



Clarissa Davis



## Sun Spots

Registration open for summer baseball

Pahokee Baseball Babe Ruth League will begin registration for a summer baseball program. All children ages 5-13 will be accepted. Registration will take place on March 12 and March 20 at the Pahokee Fire Department from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The registration fee is \$30 and parents or guardians must bring the child's birth certificate or Babe Ruth ID card in addition to any health insurance information.

To participate in the Farmington a child must be five years of age before August 1, 1999. To participate in Little League a child is not eligible to play if he is he turns 13 before August 1.

Parent participation is encouraged and welcomed.

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**PBCC Health Fair**  
Palm Beach Community College's 1999 Health Fair, featuring over 20 local agencies, will be presented March 23-25. The scheduled participants will include the Lung Mobile, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Palm Beach County Kidney Association and Med-Mobile.

Additionally, PBCC's nursing department will offer free blood pressure checks and cholesterol hearing tests.

The event will be held at the Glades Campus, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is free to the public.

**Celebration for black churches**

The Executive Board of the United Festival of Afro Arts and Arts Plus Bata Samba will invite the public to attend a celebration of the annual achievements of historic black churches in the Glades area.

The event will be Saturday, March 13 at the Daily House Cultural Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from the office of the Arts Center.

For information and tickets call (561) 833-1111.

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**ANYBODY HOME?** Police say the driver of this car was eastbound coming off S.W. Ave. B when she was hit by another driver who was southbound on Main Street on Friday, March 5. The other driver hit the side of the NAPA store while this driver crashed through the Red Cross building. Belle Glade Police say both parties were taken to the hospital. Identification of the drivers was not available at press time and the accident is still under investigation.

SUNPHOTO by Debra Miller

## Police seek next of kin for man killed while walking on SR 715

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Police have finally identified the man killed on SR 715 last Friday evening, but they are seeking any next of kin.

Charles Holt, 58, of Pahokee was walking along State Road 715 just north of Belle Glade when he was hit by a 1987 Lincoln driven by Isaias Melindez, 24, of Belle Glade.

The impact knocked Mr. Holt down and he was then hit by a truck and two more passing cars before traffic was stopped. Mr. Melindez told Florida Highway Patrol Trooper C. Johnson he did not see Mr. Holt because it was so dark. Mr. Melindez was traveling northbound on SR 715 about 8:15 p.m. when the accident happened.

FHP is seeking Mr. Holt's next of kin. The Medical Examiner's Office currently has Mr. Holt's remains.

His last known address was 177 Daniel Drive, Pahokee. Police say that address does not have a building on the site.

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any current property assessment value of their home and a fee to apply for homestead exemption. The fee is \$39.50 and it is requested the homeowner send a check made out to "H.E." before the April 1 deadline.

Mrs. Buchanan said she fears many elderly residents will not understand there is no fee to register for the \$25,000 homestead exemption with the county and worries some people will send the money to

these scam artists.

Hundreds of residents throughout the county received the notices last week. County Property Appraiser Gary Nikolis' office says it is a scam and they are asking the state attorney's office to investigate the matter. The company, Homestead Exemption, lists a California address.

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**THE CLEAN UP PLANNING TEAM**—Members of the planning committee for the April 3 cleanup in Belle Glade are shown above. Front row, from left are Bill Carter, executive director for the Boys & Girls Club, and Belle Glade Mayor D. Bill Mathis. Standing, from left, are Kevin McNamara, administrator of sanitation, Robert Walker with 100 Black Men, Tonya Faulk with the Sanitation Department, Randy Burden with the city's Code Enforcement Board, Ken Funderburk, Keystone Club representative, Greg Burrus with the Belle Glade Police Department, Johnny Gooden, city sanitation and Danielle Pennel, executive director for the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

## 1999 Great American Clean up is Saturday, April 3

Community leaders are gearing up for the 1999 Great American Cleanup, scheduled for Saturday, April 3 in Belle Glade.

Administrator of Sanitation Kevin McNamara, who is spearheading the cleanup, said the local Boys & Girls Club will be the kick-off point for the event, which will start with registration at 8 a.m. at the Club, located at the Lake Shore Civic Center.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm and excitement for this project," said Mr. McNamara. "But this is not a short-term project. This is a long term effort to keep the environment and community clean."

Sponsors include the City of Belle Glade, the Belle Glade Boys & Girls Club, Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, WSWN Sugar 900, Sons of Light #4 Masonic Lodge, The Woman's

Club of Belle Glade and Youth For Christ. Also participating is the Keystone Club, part of the Boys & Girls organization.

Targeted for clean up during this first clean up activity is SR 715 west, including Glades Plaza. East to Main Street and south of Avenue E to Avenue J. Merchants on West Avenue A will also be encouraged to bring their trash, appliances, tires, etc. to the curbside for pick up. The crews will not pick up any hazardous waste, food or vegetative waste.

Anyone wishing to participate should bring gloves, protective clothing, be sure to wear sturdy shoes and bring lots of enthusiasm. Clean up will be from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Litter bags and gifts will be provided followed by a barbecue for volunteers.

Bill Carter, Executive Director for the Boys & Girls Club,

said about 15 members of the Keystone Club will help as part of a service project. "This is a great opportunity for them to do something for the community," he said.

Mayor D. Bill Mathis, who sits on the committee, said, "This thing is 'mushrooming' now. There is real interest and enthusiasm in the community." The Solid Waste Authority will be providing all the t-shirts for the participants and will be waiving the fees for trash going across their scales for that day.

Any clubs or individuals who would like to participate should contact Mr. McNamara or Tony at 996-5865.

### Ribbon cutting held for Glades Pioneer Terrace

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held Feb. 22 for Glades Pioneer Terrace. Seventy apartment units for the elderly will be built with Housing and Urban Development funds. The street in front of the development will be named for one of the founders of Neighbors Organized for Adequate Housing, Dorothy G. Wilford. Many city and county officials attended the ribbon cutting and a barbecue was held immediately following. The event was broadcast live by local radio station WSWN. John Brown, Executive Director of NOAH, spearheaded the project. In January of this year, NOAH also celebrated the opening of Covenant Gardens, 21 single family homes on S.W. 10th Street. Glades Pioneer Terrace is located on Avenue J, next to Glades Diamonds.

## Drought is a word being used here

By Mike Lyons

Our little part of the world averages about 5 feet of rain each year. So, the word "drought" is not one used very often in South Florida.

Yet, it is a word being heard more frequently these days in the midst of an extremely parched dry season. And for Florida residents who saw their homes destroyed by last year's wildfires, it is an unsettling reminder that history often repeats itself.

And like last year, January was very wet with about three times the normal amount of rain. And just like last year, February was very dry, with some parts of South Florida recording less than three-quarters of an inch of water during the entire month.

The result, many experts fear, will be just like last year, more wildfires around the state. Wildfires have already been on the increase, from the expected 8 to 10 fires each day this time of year, to an average of 20 to 30 fires each day in the last two weeks.

What our area needs is a good soaking, yet the long term weather forecast is even more ominous. Weather experts like Jim Lushine of the Miami National Weather Service predict continued dry weather during March and April.

Despite averaging 60 inches of rain each year, dry weather

### Farm Bureau FROM 1

boondoggle that will probably end up costing American taxpayers ten times that. Half of it is supposed to come from Florida taxpayers, and, presumably growers will have a big share of that," said Edwin A. Jones, Jr., President of the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau. The local Farm Bureau was host for Mr. Kleckner's visit.

A conference of South Florida growers, Mr. Kleckner, and Florida Farm Bureau leaders followed an aerial tour of the Everglades from Florida Bay north into the EAA. "I got an incredible view from 1,500 feet," commented Mr. Kleckner.

Citrus growers told Mr. Kleckner lax port inspection is allowing the introduction of foreign pests and diseases into the multi-billion dollar Florida citrus industry and costing growers and consumers millions in clean-up costs.

"U.S. port inspections must improve, especially for fruits and vegetables imported from countries where food safety and environmental protection aren't as stringent as they are here," said Hendry County citrus grower George Austin of

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and extradited to Florida. After the suspect was returned to Palm Beach County, Det. Fincannon and his supervisor, Sgt. Carhart, planned a strategy to interview and obtain a DNA sample for the suspect. They had found information about the Florida DNA Database and the possibility that the suspect may already have a specimen in the database due to a past felony conviction.



Mike Lyons

patterns often develop in Florida, producing moderate droughts on a surprisingly regular basis. Perhaps even more astonishing, National Weather Service statistics show a severe drought forms in some parts of the state an average of every six years.

The 1980's, for example, were a particularly dry period in state history. In July of 1981, in the middle of the traditional rainy season, South Florida was declared a drought disaster, as the region endured one of the worst dry periods in history.

Another severe drought formed in 1985, leading to numerous wildfires around the state, with the smoke from one fire being blamed for a 32-vehicle crash.

Perhaps Florida's worst drought was the winter of 1988-89. Of course, Florida's winter is supposed to be dry. It is our mild temperatures and delightful sunshine (Florida

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"I came away absolutely amazed at the size and scope of agriculture here and at the quality of the products and professionalism of all the growers here," said Mr. Kleckner. "They are the best stewards of the land and the natural resources. This is truly a great source of pride for all Americans who believe in free enterprise and American food production," he said.

"It would be a real loss to the country to lose this productive farming area," he added.

Growers from Dade County, jeopardized by NAFTA, Everglades restoration proposals, and the urbanization of farmland, urged Mr. Kleckner to increase AFB's participation in efforts to save agriculture there.

"We have already lost all of our tomato industry; the rest of agriculture needs help to survive," said Steve Sapp, President of the Dade County Farm Bureau.

Barbara Miedema of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative called the new Everglades restoration study "flawed" and "lacking in scientific basis."

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The DNA match was made placing the suspect at the homicide scene through DNA evidence recovered from a cigarette butt and semen. Det. Fincannon was also credited with his work in the investigation and arrest of two persons in the murder of Fernando Lopez. Mr. Lopez was killed after leaving a convenience store in Canal Point in August of 1998.

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enjoys the sunniest winter climate in the eastern United States that brings so many visitors to the state each year.

Still, the winter of 10 years ago was too dry. Southwest Florida groundwater levels were at record lows, producing numerous sinkholes in the region. Rainfall in Key West was only 18 percent of normal. It was so dry that the Everglades caught on fire, producing so much smoke that a health advisory was issued for Miami.

The hot, dry weather continued through the summer of 1990 as the historic Suwannee River in the northern part of the state set new record low water levels along sections of its 240-mile length.

The rains eventually returned in 1991 and Mother Nature left the water "on" for most of the 1990's. The exception was last year, as dry, hot weather led to the worst wildfire outbreak in state history.

Now another dry period seems to be developing, a weather pattern that may seem unusual but is actually a regular part of Florida's climate. The surprising fact is that drought in Florida is as common as our winter sunshine and summer thunderstorms.

Mike Lyons is the Chief Weather forecaster for WPBF-TV.

Some Everglades restoration planners want to return the Everglades to what it was in 1958 - that's before anybody lived here and Florida was even a state.

"Florida's sugar industry supports the restoration of the Everglades, but we would like to see them slow down, do some testing before they make a billion dollar commitment, and base their conclusions on sound science," Ms. Miedema told Mr. Kleckner and the growers.

Glades County farmer Alan Hammock brought a message familiar to Mr. Kleckner, head of the giant American farming federation that prides itself on representation for millions of small, family-owned farms around the nation.

"When it comes to making policy, don't forget about the little guys," said Mr. Hammock, who manages a 650-acre family owned farm near Moore Haven.

George H. Wedgworth Jr., President of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, welcomed Mr. Kleckner and the state Farm Bureau officials to Belle Glade.

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# Worried about health studies? Listen to mother and grandma



By Katrina Elksen,  
Contributing Editor

An article published this week in the New England Journal of Medicine states that a low-fat, high fiber diet

does not reduce the risk of colorectal cancer, as previous thought.

Another study just out warns that the currently popular no-carbohydrate diets can be dangerous.

It seems every time you pick up a newspaper or magazine some scientist is disputing claims made by a previous study. Keeping up with what is good for you not what is bad for you is not an easy task.

Rather than worrying about these research studies, why not take a common sense approach and follow the advice of the one person you know was always right: Your mother.

Think about it. For years, mothers have been passing

down age-old health advice that makes sense. Eat your breakfast. Get off that couch and get some exercise. Drink water. Get enough sleep. Eat your vegetables. Have an apple instead of that junk food.

Mothers never needed to do expensive tests to know that their kids were supposed to eat balanced meals to stay healthy. They could have told you that high-fat, no-carbohydrate diet didn't sound safe.

From their own experience, they knew that homemade chicken soup helps when you have a cold. They may have felt somewhat validated when researchers later found out just why the chicken soup helps, that the onions and gar-

lic are beneficial and the body needs fluids. But the why never mattered so much as the fact that it made their kids feel better.

Maybe this country needs fewer expensive studies and more common sense.

If you are on a low-fat, high fiber diet, don't change. It's good for you anyway, even if it doesn't lower your risk of colorectal cancer. A low-fat diet that includes lots of fresh vegetables and fruits is an overall healthy diet. It helps lower your risk of heart disease and high blood pressure. According to the New England Journal of Medicine, the way to lower your risk of colorectal cancer is to get more exercise. Walk, run, jog, swim, dance ... just

get moving.

A study published in The Annals of Internal Medicine also states that diets high in folic acid can reduce the risk of colon cancer. For folic acid, eat lot of fruits and vegetables. Broccoli is especially high in folic acid. (Your mother probably knew that.)

Another study which has been in the news lately indicates American children are not getting enough calcium for proper bone growth. They should be listening to their mothers (or maybe grandmothers) who can't sit down at a table without intoning, "drink your milk."

New research continues to back up earlier reports that both green and black tea have

health benefits. Tea contains an antioxidant that can help protect cells from damage that has been linked to cancer and heart disease. Green tea contains the most of this powerful antioxidant, but regular black tea has it too. Those who grew up in the south may recall mothers and grandmothers offering a refreshing glass of iced tea to visitors. They may have just been good hostesses, but the health benefits are a bonus.

Your mother could probably also tell you that if you are on any medication or have health problems, you should check with your doctor before making changes in diet. Some foods interact with medications.

## Yes, it is a heart attack, but...

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

Bill could no longer pretend that nothing was wrong. That uneasiness he felt in his chest an hour ago had now grown into a heavy squeeze across his torso. A cold sweat rose on his forehead.

"Martha, I don't feel so good," he said as he sat his morning coffee down. He dabbed a tissue across his face, and took a deep breath. His wife turned from her position at the sink to see Bill lean back on his chair. His eyes exposed his fear. After 14 years together, this was a new look, and it was a scary one.

"Bill! What's wrong?" Martha was already moving toward the telephone.

"Yes. This is Medic 78. We're bringing you a 54 year old male with an hour of chest pain." The paramedic's words on the radio brought sighs from the already bustling ER staff.

She continued, "We've given aspirin, oxygen, and we're on the third nitroglycerin. His vital signs are still stable, but his EKG looks pretty suspicious for an acute injury."

Dr. Tammy Cortez was on duty in the ER this morning,

From her position at the bedside of a minor trauma patient, she heard enough of the radio report to know that the ER team would need to quickly focus its efforts on this man. Only a few emergencies command as much urgency and necessary intervention as a heart attack commands.

Two nurses had the bed, the cardiac monitoring equipment, and the medications ready as the paramedic wheeled Bill into Cardiac Room 2. Everyone noticed his pale gray color and the beads of sweat welling up on his face and chest.

"Bill, I'm Dr. Cortez." A series of questions and orders followed rapidly, as Dr. Cortez learned as much about Bill's past as possible, and as she directed the focused efforts of the ER team.

Turning toward a nurse, Dr. Cortez gave the go ahead that all were expecting, the steps that could mean life or death for this heart attack victim.

"He's having an acute anterior myocardial infarction. He has no history or problems that prevent us from giving a thrombolytic



Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

drug - let's go for it!"

Thrombolysis - busting up the clot that was keeping the front of Bill's heart from getting precious oxygen - would give Bill a chance at losing only a minimal amount of his heart muscle.

Bill had four IV lines going now, with bottles of medicine dripping into each one. He was not sweating, and some of that pressure had lifted from his chest.

"Bill, you're having a heart attack," Dr. Cortez spoke calmly but directly. "We're giving you several medicines to try to open up that clogged artery and keep your heart beat stable, then we'll be admitting you to

Intensive Care."

Bill was speechless. He was realizing that these strangers surrounding his ER bed were all working on him! They seemed so determined, and this kept him from thinking about all of the possibilities. He was a company president, quite accustomed to barking out orders, but here he felt so helpless. He could do nothing but lie here on the stretcher and trust a group of strangers with his life.

Martha was waiting impatiently in the Family Room, and leaped from the chair as Dr. Cortez walked in. After quick introductions, Dr. Cortez tried to answer Martha's questions and address her fears.

"Yes, it is a heart attack, but - so far - he's been stable, and we've given him all of the medicines that may help. These next few hours are very critical."

Martha slumped back into the chair. "He's only 54!"

She thought about Bill's job, about their two kids in college, about the trip to California they had planned for next month, about the retirement they were planning for next year. Her mind raced as her trembling hands fumbled for the telephone numbers in her purse.

"What are we going to do?"

Myocardial infarctions (MI's) - heart attacks - kill hundreds of thousands in this country each year. Approximately 1.5 million heart attacks occur annually, and nearly one fourth of such victims die from the MI. Many of these deaths occur before patients ever reach a hospital. Survival following hospitalization for a MI has improved since the 1970's, largely due to patient education, new medications and advanced coro-

nary artery intervention techniques.

Risk factors for MI, which occurs when the blood flow in a coronary artery becomes completely obstructed, include cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, elevated cholesterol levels, and a family history of heart disease.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.  
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## Chiropractor opens new office in Belle Glade



Bernard Stern, D.C.

Dr. Bernard Stern, D.C., has opened an office at 425 S.E. 2nd Street, Belle Glade.

The Chiropractic Physician also has an office in North Palm Beach and will be in his Belle Glade office three days a week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 to 5 p.m. "The philosophy of chiropractic is that given the opportunity, the body has the innate ability to heal itself. Chiropractic care gives the body that opportunity," said Dr. Stern. "Drugs and surgery aren't the answer for people who want the body to heal itself."

Dr. Stern said may people come into his office as a last resort, after having been diagnosed as "medical failures" through conventional treatment. These patients suffer from chronic pain, many times resulting from misalignment of the spine, which overwhelms the brain with a form of "electrical jamming," that inter-

feres with the normal nervous system communication between the brain and body, he said.

Pain is supposed to be your friend, to let you know when to stop doing something that's damaging your body, he said. "When chronic pain signals are constantly being sent to the brain, it's like a car alarm that goes off when you sneeze, instead of when someone breaks a window."

This "subluxation" or misalignment of the spine, which people often get from car acci-

dents, causes the corresponding sensory nerves to become hypersensitive, which causes interference in the nervous system, according to Dr. Stern. "These problems can eventually effect the other organs in the body, if left uncorrected," he added.

Dr. Stern says he works with Trinitry OB/GYN, helping pregnant women who are having problems.

He can be reached by calling 996-7801 in Belle Glade or at his North Palm Beach office at 561-775-9594.

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# OPINION PAGE



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### Appalled by political broadcast

"I don't live in South Bay, but I was visiting a friend in South Bay on March 1 when I heard a political broadcast on a loudspeaker.

I was appalled to hear the person was saying 'let us get rid of the trash on the South Bay City Commission and elect John Wilson and Esther Berry'.

I really don't know any of these people, but what right does anyone have to call anyone trash?

I really wonder if these two political hopefuls would like to be classified as trash?

Thank you for letting me speak out."

### Clean up Airport Park

"Yes, I'm calling about the condition of Airport Park. There is trash everywhere and graffiti and it's just very nasty and not kept up.

I think the town of Belle Glade should take more pride in what they have and try to keep it up and keep it looking decent like some other surrounding cities do.

I think it's a shame that our children have to play in the filth that's out there. The bathrooms are nasty, there's graffiti and obscenities everywhere. I believe we should take more pride in what we have and try to keep it up to the best of our ability.

I realize it's hard when you have some people going around destroying property, but I think it could be better maintained than what it is now.

Thank you. A concerned citizen."

### Mike Underwood, Parks and Recreation Administrator responds:

"Yes, the graffiti and trash at Airport Park is an ongoing problem. Not only do we have this problem at Airport Park but at all the city parks as well. It seems to be a constant battle for all public areas. It is, however, a situation that we work at daily to keep under control. The Recreation Department staff just completed painting the restrooms last week at Airport Park. Every day we pick up the trash both in the morning and late afternoon. The problem we have is the same as with many other public parks, people have no respect for other's property. Without a full time person to handle security at the parks, we are limited to what we can do. The Recreation Department staff will do their best to keep the parks clean and I would like to ask for the community's help in this process as well. Please let us know if you see anyone abusing the privilege of the parks. We do not charge for any of the parks public services. Please inform us if you see or hear of

any vandalism concerning our parks. Your help will be greatly appreciated."

### Vehicles on private property

"If I did not know I would guess one of our politicians sent in last week's Speak Out. First of all, most people did not know this ordinance was brought up 32 years ago by six people on a commission and since each commission has seen the stupidity of enforcing this code that's why it was always dropped.

I understand our new commissioner in the name of beautification has brought it up. When you start playing with people's livelihood - which is what you are doing - you are opening a Pandora's Box to every agency to step in and interfere for the people.

You say you love Belle Glade and her people and you target their pocketbook. You remove trucks, buses, motor homes, boats, etc, where are you going to put them and does our city have around-the-clock security and funds to pay for this? We have got along all these years - leave private property alone.

Belle Glade is not a hell hole, as you say, and if you don't like it or its people, it's you who should leave. This ordinance needs to be changed."

### It is a citizen's right

"I was just reading this Speak Out about Wedgworth Road.

As a taxpayer, people can drive, walk or do anything just about they want to on public property.

I don't see where anybody has a right to stop and ask anybody anything."

### A question for Palm Tran

"I'm calling about the bus service that Palm Tran delivers and to find out the reason for the discontinuation of this bus going to Pruitt Village. There are a lot of people there who are fully dependent upon the bus for transportation.

I understand that people from Belle Glade proper have complained about the delay in time when they have to go to Pruitt. I don't know if this really true, but that be the case, it is unfair to those people because they are very dependent upon this service and it is, very helpful to them.

So, I'm calling to find out why it has been discontinued and if it could be reinstated."

Editor's note: Palm Tran officials are checking into this caller's concern. You can read their response in next week's Speak Out section of The Sun.



"ASK HIM TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY."

## Letters to the Editor

### Student says thank you

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the people of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay who sent me information for a report I am doing on Florida.

It was very useful and helpful. I will keep the information as a gift from kind and generous strangers.

After doing this report I am determined more than ever to visit your state. It was kind of you to share with me.

Sincerely,

Melissa Wells  
Elba, Nebraska

### Tree planted in Pahokee in honor of Mae Pope

Dear Editor:

The Pahokee Garden Club just wants everyone to know that we have planted a beautiful 10' White Southern Magnolia tree in Pioneer Memorial Park in memory of Mae Pope, a long-time member of the Pahokee Garden Club.

Mae was born in Atlanta, Georgia and she loved the White Magnolia trees and we felt this was very fitting, considering her love for White Magnolias.

This is for you, dear Mae.

Sincerely,

Shirlee Ingram  
President, Pahokee Garden Club

## Commercials go too far

By Mark Merrill  
Family First

Designer Calvin Klein is used to shocking the masses, but his latest advertising stunt has stirred up trouble in his own, celebrity-filled back yard. On her talk show, Rosie O'Donnell blasted Klein by stating, "I'm never wearing his (Klein's) underwear again."

Take that Calvin Klein. The man who launched a huge blue jeans business by giving us a teenage Brooke Shields claiming that there was nothing between her and her Calvins has been in the hot seat before. So what's all the fuss about this time? Klein recently posted a Times Square billboard ad featuring young boys, dressed only in underwear, playing on a couch. The public outcry was immediate, and Klein caved in, pulling the ads within hours after they went up.

Were the antagonistic opinions of the public and the necessity of pulling the ads any surprise to Calvin Klein? Of course not. The controversial ad was a well thought out, highly calculated move by

Klein to get publicity to sell his product. Millions of dollars may flow into Klein's bank account following this recent outcry, but at what, or whose, expense?

Advertisers, like Klein, who operate under the belief that "sex sells," say they are only giving the public what it wants. But corporate responsibility means they should show some restraint. Just because a child wants candy for dinner, does that mean we should give it to him? Obviously not. So when advertisers forego good judgement and use sexual themes to sell an unrelated product, it makes them appear more concerned about making a buck than about the people they are exploiting.

Still, each year advertisers continue to push the envelope even farther. From the Calvin Klein underwear ads to the Victoria's Secret Super Bowl commercial, this overt commercialization of sex has helped create a society desensitized to indecency. And it may influence our children.

One of my primary concerns is that it undermines our chil-

dren's self-esteem by providing a false standard of beauty. Do we really want our daughters to grow up thinking their primary value is that of sex objects? Do we really want our sons believing feminine merit equals airbrushed sex appeal? Furthermore, sensually-packaged advertising sells our children a warped perspective of human sexuality. Human sexuality is beautiful, but not when it is used at the expense of others.

So the question remains, what can we do about it? We can refuse to buy products from those who produce explicit advertisements, and encourage publishers and television producers not to place their ads. (The Calvin Klein children's underwear ads are still scheduled to run in upcoming magazine issues.) And while that will probably not discourage advertisers from using sex to manipulate and shock the public, we can still take a stand (ala Rosie O'Donnell).

We can also take action in our own homes. Of course there is no quick fix that will

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## THE SUN

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## March is Mental Retardation Awareness Month

WHEREAS, mental retardation is a condition which today affects more than 440,000 of Florida's children and adults and their families; and WHEREAS, the most effective weapons for alleviation of the serious problems associated with mental retardation are public knowledge and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the potential for residents with mental retardation to function more independently and productively must be fostered; and

WHEREAS, during the month of March, 7,600 members through 43 local chapters of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Florida are forging vital community living supports and fund-raising campaigns under private sector initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim March 1999 as

### MENTAL RETARDATION AWARENESS MONTH

in Florida and urge all residents to give full support to efforts toward enabling people with mental retardation to live productive lives and achieve their potential.



ORGANIZERS OF GLADES YOUTH BASEBALL held a fund raising barbecue on Saturday, March 6 at Mace Park. The barbecue was a great success and they served over 600 dinners. Glades Youth Baseball organizers would like to thank everyone who donated their time, supplies and support to help the kids.

## Sun Spots



### Spaghetti Dinner at Good Shepherd

The Youth Department of Good Shepherd Church of God is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 12 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. For tickets call 924-7284. Good Shepherd is located at 1800 Bacon Point Road, Pahokee.

Campus and is coordinated by Mrs. Cathy Lee.

### Gospel Fest

There will be a Gospel Fest on Saturday, March 20.

The Gospel Fest will be held at Tanner Park in South Bay from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Anyone with questions can call Jenny Patterson on her beeper at 1-888-402-6244.

for Debbie Lantz on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. The event will be at Labor Camp 2 on West Sugar House Road. Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, corn on the cob and rolls will be served for \$6. For more information and tickets please call SCGC Personnel Dept. at 996-4736.

### Palm TransVan Outreach dates

Palm Tran's free community outreach Palm TransVan is in full gear, traveling county-wide with valuable information on Palm Tran and Spectran. Specialists will be on hand for travel planning, answering questions and providing Spectran eligibility applications if requested.

They will be at the Belle Glade ARC, 4250 NW 16th Street, on March 11 from 10 to 11 a.m. and at the Belle Glade Senior Citizens Center on March 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Gospel Sing at Miracle Temple Ministries

Fellowship will be in concert at Miracle Temple Ministries on Saturday, March 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. providing the finest in Southern Gospel Music.

Pastor Alvin E. Nichols invites everyone to attend and enjoy great gospel music.

Miracle Temple is located at 104 S.W. 16th Street (SR715), Belle Glade.

### Family & Friends Day

The Inspirational Church of God of South Bay will be hosting their Annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, March 14 at 3 p.m.

Pastor Johnny W. Johnson, Sr. invites the public to attend. The church is located at 165 S.W. 6th Ave., South Bay.

### Harvest Queen applications available

Applications to participate in the 1999 Harvest Queen Pageant are ready and may be obtained at Atlantic Pacific Insurance, 204 N.W. Ave. 1, Belle Glade or by calling Becky White at 996-5800.

Participants must be 16-21 years of age to be a contestant and the pageant is scheduled for April 17. Deadline to enter is March 19. Tickets will be on sale again this year at Nations Bank (formerly Barnett Bank) beginning March 25.

The Harvest Queen pageant is sponsored by the Belle Glade Lions Club and Palm Beach Community College-Glades

### Honoring pastors

All Glades area pastors' spouses are invited by SHIP (Senior HIV Intervention Project) to meet in preparation of a day of honoring Glades area spiritual leaders on March 11 at 5 p.m. The meeting will be at the Haitian American Community Council, 309 South Main Street, Belle Glade (near Affordable Cleaners).

For information please call Gerry at 992-0301.

### Gator Scramble

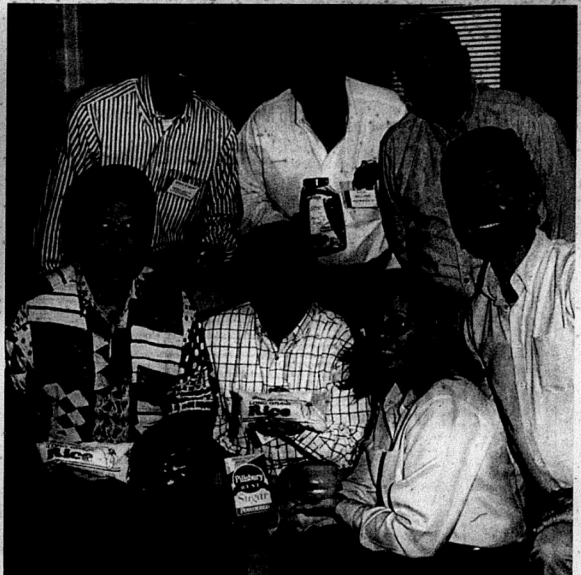
Glades Day School will host their 10th Annual Gator Scramble on Saturday, March 20 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and tee-off will be at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be available.

Call the Pro Shop to register at 996-6605.

### Barbecue to benefit Debbie Lantz

There will be a carry-out only medical benefit barbecue



FARM BUREAU NATIONAL PRESIDENT TOURS GLADES AG - Unresolved national trade and tariff issues and Everglades restoration were principal topics of a fact finding tour and agricultural symposium by Dean R. Kleckner, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Shown (lower left to right) are: Mr. Kleckner, Edwin A. Jones, Jr. of Pahokee, President of the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau and host for the tour; Eva Webb of West Palm Beach, Farm Bureau Field Director; Rick Roth of Belle Glade, Farm Bureau State Director. Upper left to right are Mike Stuart of Orlando, Executive Director of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association; Steve Williams of Belle Glade; and Carl B. Loop, Jr. of Jacksonville, President of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation.

### Commercials/From Fig. 4

satisfy everyone. Yet we can start by doing two things. First, teach our kids to learn to discern. We need to help them understand what is good and bad, and how to recognize the advertising gimmicks advertis-

ers often use. Second, establish a usage policy at home. Set limits on the amount of time each day our children can watch television. Pre-approve the programming they are watching and never use TV as a baby-sitter.

Children may not initially

appreciate these guidelines, but they are what they need. Since advertisers like Calvin Klein care more about the bottom line than they care about children, it's our job to take a stand on our kids' behalf. In the long run they will thank us for it.

## CRIME STOPPERS



Gilbert Stokes

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc. is asking citizens to help locate Gilbert Stokes, who is wanted for escape, resisting arrest, out violence and violation of probation on charges of home invasion with a weapon.

Stokes is a black male, 5'11" tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is October 1, 1977. His last known address was 117 NW

8th Street, Apt. 2, Belle Glade, Florida.

His Social Security number is 261-99-0150 and his last occupation is unknown. His warrant was active as of March 2, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Stokes, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

## Arrest Blotters

**Editor's note:** The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

### PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 19 arrests the week of March 1-7.

Those arrested included:

March 1 - Juvenile, 16, retail theft; Juvenile, 11, felony battery; Juvenile, 10, felony battery; Juvenile, 11, aggravated battery.

March 2 - No arrests made.

March 3 - Kevin James, 33, obstructing by a disguised person; Juvenile, 13, Battery on a detention staff employee.

March 4 - No arrests made.

March 5 - Gary Row, 26, domestic battery.

March 6 - Anthony Brown, 27, violation of probation warrant; Juvenile, 13, trespassing and assault; Juvenile, 16, trespass and assault; Juvenile, 17, trespass and assault; Juvenile, 13, cruelty to animals and trespassing.

March 7 - No arrests made.

### BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 654 complaints, worked 8 crime scenes and gave 32 traffic citations the week of March 1-7.

Those arrested included:

March 1 - Keith S. McIntyre, 19, child neglect; Shavona Johnson, 20, child neglect.

March 2 - No arrests made.

March 3 - Mercedes Mercedes, 43, battery; Jose Flores, 21, domestic battery.

March 4 - Tyjuan Shannnonhouse, 20, loitering and prowling; Jimmy Lashley, 31, attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

fraud.

March 5 - Roosevelt Camble, 22, loitering and prowling; Juvenile, 14, retail theft; Jose Mario Calvillo, 24, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

March 6 - Willie Williams, 45, failure to appear on charges of petty theft; Patricia Coleman, 30, aggravated battery.

March 7 - Joseph Gonzalez, 18, trespass; Lorenzo Gonzalez Jr., trespass and resisting arrest without violence; Juan Gama, 25, possession of cocaine; Daryl Johnson, 32, two counts of contempt of court; and order of commitment; Carlos Martinez, 36, failure to appear on charges of domestic assault; Ricardo Nunez, 29, domestic battery; Jacqueline Ruth Peak, 33, attempted first degree murder.

### SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 4 arrests the week of February 28-March 6.

Those arrested included:

February 28 - William Burrs, 39, warrant arrest.

March 1 - Derrious Thomas, 21, warrant arrest.

March 2 - Tammy Adams, 25, aggravated battery.

March 3 - No arrests made.

March 4 - Moises Cortes-Martinez, 33, battery on a spouse.

March 5 - No arrests made.

March 6 - No arrests made.

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to drive a  
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# NASCAR This Week

## OnTV

### All Times Eastern

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- **Winston Cup, Cracker Barrel 500**  
1 p.m. • Sunday • ABC

### 1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK (1998)
1. Mike Skinner, 475	Jeff Burton, 488	Ron Hornaday, 4,072
2. Rusty Wallace, 424	Randy LaJoie, 463	Jack Sprague, 4,069
3. Bobby Labonte, 423	Mark Martin, 419	Joe Ruttman, 3,874
4. Jeff Burton, 413	Matt Kenseth, 408	Jay Sauter, 3,672
5. Jeff Gordon, 401	Mike McLaughlin, 379	Tony Raines, 3,596
6. Mark Martin, 389	Kevin LePage, 359	Jimmy Hensley, 3,570
7. Ken Schrader, 389	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 334	Stacy Compton, 3,542
8. Jeremy Mayfield, 360	Elton Sawyer, 331	Greg Biffle, 3,276
9. Wally Dallenbach, 363	Jeff Green, 317	Ron Barfield, 3,227
10. Chad Little, 359	Chuck Brown, 314	Mike Bliss, 3,216

### TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- (1) Jeff Gordon Third place ain't bad
- (2) Mark Martin Won the Busch race
- (3) Jeff Burton Next superstar
- (4) Mike Skinner Up front every week
- (3) Dale Jarrett Ran out of gas
- (4) Jeremy Mayfield Has the horses
- (4) Rusty Wallace Just so-so at Vegas
- (7) Bobby Labonte Headed to his track
- (9) Dale Earnhardt Fierce competitor
- (-) Ward Burton Beaten by baby bro

### FROM LAST WEEK

**Winston Cup**  
Brothers may not have fought each other so fiercely since the Civil War ended.

In the barren desert north of Vegas, Jeff and Ward Burton fought a historic battle, with Jeff, 31, holding off Ward, 37, by 1.074 seconds.

"It was awful stressful," said the winner. "I'm a big fan of Ward Burton. I want him to win races. We've always wanted to settle a big race like this between us. I was able to beat him. Next time he'll get me."

The Burton brothers engaged in a spectacular battle that cooled with seven laps to go. Laps 254-258 were classics, with the cars side-by-side all the way around Las Vegas Motor Speedway, alternating the lead by inches as they crossed the start-finish line. Jeff's No. 99 cleared Ward's No. 22 in turn two of lap 258, and gradually pulled away over the final nine laps.

### Busch Grand National

The Sam's Town 300, Las Vegas Motor Speedway's Busch Grand National undercard, was a race fraught with possibilities, none of which materialized.

The race could have been a rock 'em, sock 'em duel between Jeff Burton and Jeff Gordon, the men most likely to settle the outcome of the following day's Las Vegas 400.

It could have been the first of many titanic struggles between Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. It could have been a battle of wits between the best stock car driver in the world, since 17 of the 43 starters were from Winston Cup.

But it was none of those things. It was a textbook scorched-earth job administered as only Martin can do. He and his black Taurus torched Gordon, incinerated little Earnhardt and nuked everybody else.

### 1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
March 14	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Atlanta, Ga.
March 21	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
March 28	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 11	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 18	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.

### FEUD OF THE WEEK

#### Jeff Burton vs. Ward Burton

There is no bad will here, but it's no secret that older brother Ward aspires to Jeff's status as a consistent front-runner on the Winston Cup Series. "There's nothing Jeff can do in a race car that I can't," says Ward, who finished second to his brother at Las Vegas.

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion:** "Everyone knows that Ward Burton is a talented driver. The challenge, and it's been in place for several years, is for Ward and owner Bill Davis to find the week-to-week consistency that has eluded them."

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## Officials considering changes to Las Vegas Motor Speedway

**By Monte Dutton**  
NASCAR This Week

**LAS VEGAS**—Don't be surprised to see even changes at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Bruce Smith's operatives have been going over the 1.5-mile track with a fine-tooth comb searching for possible improvements, and quizzing drivers, teams and media about likes and dislikes.

Among possible changes being pondered are razing the two-story building behind pit row because it blocks the view of the back stretch for many fans, extending the pits further out to reduce the mammoth grassy space in the track's tri-oval, and increasing the banking in the turns from 12 degrees to 18 to 24 degrees.

**TRIPLE-A FAN CLUB:** Jeff Gordon sees his new Busch Grand National team as just another enhancement program for Winston Cup.

"It's more than a farm team, but that's just one aspect of it that I think is a plus," said the three-time Winston champion.

"You've got to think long-term. You've got to think future. We're not going to be able to have the dominance we've had the past few years if we just stay the same. We've got to be able to bring in new, young, talented guys who have experience and who can get the job done. This is a way for us to

test them at this (BGN) level and not put them in the pressure of Winston Cup. This is a way for them to get comfortable and for us to evaluate them later on."

**PRETTY BIG AFTER ALL:** Wonder of wonders, Mr. Humility (Mark Martin) now concedes that his victory a year ago in the inaugural Las Vegas Cup race was one of the more significant in his career.

Martin is famous for balking at any ranking of his victories in terms of significance. Normally the Arkansas driver has a stock answer: "The biggest race is the next one."

"The press asked a lot of questions about it (winning last year),

and I never really put that much stock in it," Martin admitted, "but after I've experienced it one time, I sort of view it in a different light than I did before. But you've got to remember, (crew chief) Jit Fenning, myself and (owner) Jack Roush are more interested in making history than enjoying it."

"Whatever success we have pretty much comes and goes kind of fast for us. It slips by us pretty quickly because we focus on the next opportunity."

"The win at Las Vegas was real, real special. I don't play up hardly anything, ever, but that was an incredible racetrack to drive on, and it was an incredible win for us."

### THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

**WHAT:** Cracker Barrel 500  
**WHERE:** Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga.  
**WHEN:** Sunday, March 14  
**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Bobby Labonte  
**TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD:** Geoff Bodine, Ford, 197.478 mph, Nov. 15, 1997.

**RACE RECORD:** Dale Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 161.298 mph, March 10, 1996.

**NOTABLE:** Three of Bobby Labonte's seven career victories have come on this track. ... Jeff Gordon won the 1998 season finale here. ... Earnhardt has won eight races here, more than any driver.

### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

**WHAT:** Yellow Freight 300  
**WHERE:** Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga.  
**WHEN:** Saturday, March 13  
**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Mark Martin  
**TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD:** Dick Trickle, Chevrolet, 186.673 mph,

Nov. 6, 1998.

**RACE RECORD:** Mark Martin, Ford, 151.751 mph, March 8, 1997.

**NOTABLE:** Martin has won the last two BGN races at Atlanta.

Other former winners include Terry Labonte, Johnny Benson, Harry Gant, Ward Burton and Jeff Gordon.

### PROFILE

## Wally Dallenbach



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Wally Dallenbach, right, is anticipating a much better season in 1999.

**By Monte Dutton**  
NASCAR This Week

Wally Dallenbach Jr. hopes 1999 will bring the first victory of his Winston Cup career. Before he joined NASCAR full-time in 1992, Dallenbach's career was wildly successful.

Four times, Dallenbach, the son of an Indy car driver, has won championship trophies at Daytona's Rolex 24 endurance race. He has won class titles at the 12 Hours of Sebring three times. At the age of 22 he was SCCA Trans-Am rookie of the year, and a year later he was the champion.

Dallenbach has come close to victory in NASCAR, particularly on the road courses. In 1995, he competed in only two races, but one of them was a second at Watkins Glen while driving in a substitute role for Bill Davis.

**HOMETOWN:** Born in Brunswick, N.J., raised in Basalt, Colo., lives in Mooresville, N.C.

**AGE:** 35

**WIFE:** Robin

**CHILDREN:** Jacob (9), Wyatt (6), Kate (2).  
**CAR:** No. 26 Budweiser Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by "Papa Joe" Hendrick

**FIRSTS:** Start (March 18, 1991, at Atlanta), pole (none), win (none).

**CAREER STATISTICS:** 164 starts, 0 poles, 0 wins, 5 top-five finishes, 16 top-10s, almost \$3.5 million in career earnings.

**WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM THE 1999 SEASON?** "We're looking for a much better season. I know the guys have worked extremely hard over the winter. We found some things that were wrong and learned some things that are going to make it better. We're pretty optimistic about a strong season this year."

**WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM YOUR FIRST RACES WITH HENDRICK MOTORSPORTS LAST YEAR?** "We had the potential to win at least two races last year, but it just didn't work out. We had a bunch of opportunities to finish in the top five. It's all there, but we've got to make it happen. At the end of the day, you look at the outcome. We've got to finish races, and we've got to be consistent."

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO WIN RACES?** "When I got in the car and ran good, it wasn't any big surprise. There's no magic to this stuff. The car's either right or wrong. If it's right, we'll be up front. I have a lot of confidence in these guys, and I have a lot of confidence in myself. I believe we'll win a race this year."

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ Once upon a time, NASCAR held 500-mile races on road courses, and in January 1965, Dan Gurney drove a Wood Brothers Ford to victory at Riverside, one of five such victories for the native Californian. The race took nearly five hours to complete, which is one of the reasons Winston Cup road races are how measured in kilometers.

### Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** Bobby Labonte, outstanding on restrictor-plate tracks this year, has four top-10 finishes in the last five races.

■ **NOT:** Derrick Cope has not finished in the top 10 since Atlanta in November 1997.

### Trackside Trivia

1. How many Winston Cup races did Mario Andretti win?
2. Who is the current president of NASCAR?
3. What make of car was used in the first IROC series?

ANSWERS  
(1) 3 (2) 1967 Dodge  
(3) Porsche Carrera

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# GLADES CENTRAL RAIDERS HONOR

*On February 24, 1999, the Freshmen, JV and Varsity football Banquet at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Sharon Brown*



Tangela Marshall and Sharon Brown dedicated "Fully Committed" to the JV and Varsity teams for winning the championship games. The JV had a winning season for two years, 1997-1998 and the Varsity ("The Comeback Team") won the State game after twenty-six years.



A special thanks from Dr. Effie Grear (r), principal of GCHS, Jay Seider (c), athletic director, and Milton Watson (l), head coach, to the community for their loyalty and dedicated support.



Coach Terry Wright was presented the "Defensive Back Coach" award by the secondary team members.

HERE  
VICTORY



Some of the Glades Central staff (l-r), Mrs. Alma Henry-Morman, Ms. Angela Culler, Mrs. Cecilia Harriott and Mrs. Betty Guy, performed "the last twenty seconds highlights" of the "comeback team" championship game.



Reggie Vickers (standing) was presented the final football from the championship game. His mother, Mrs. Rose Gooden (r) and grandmother, Lou Ella Vickers (l) were there to see him recognized.



Jorge Huertas (r) played an important role by adding points to the scoreboard as field goal kicker. He was presented a trophy by Coach Sam King (l).



Yolanda Smith presented Coach McDonald a special award for doing an outstanding job and saying, "It's not over, until the fat lady sings - GO RAIDERS!" Coach McDonald has coached track and field from 1964 until 1999. On February 6, 1999, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in Lake City, Florida. Many of the boys he trained have gone on to professional football careers.



Roosevelt Rounds, D'Juan Brown and UTwan Cooper (l-r) received trophies for their performances on the defensive secondary unit.



Dwight Jackson, shown here with his parents, received the "Most Versatile Player" award, as well as the Raiders' "Team MVP" trophy.



Jermaine King (l) and Nathaniel Webb hold the final score card from the 1998 State Championship game against Madison City.



Coach Antonacci (l) presented Reggie Vickers with the trophy for "Most Valuable Offensive Player."



Coach Funderburk (l) presented the "Rookie of the Year" trophy to Santos Rodriguez.

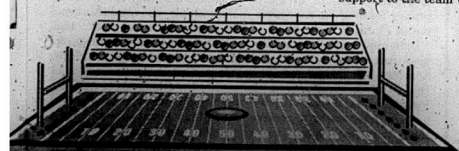
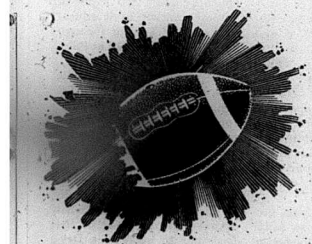
# HONORED FOR CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

Football teams and cheerleaders held their annual football banquet in Brown did an outstanding job as Mistress of Ceremonies

LET'S TORY!



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phy.



Jerry Campbell (r), the #1 quarterback who led the team to the State Championship, was presented a trophy for "Outstanding Quarterback" by Coach Milton Watson (l).



Yolanda Smith (r) presented Adrian "Big A" Vereen a plaque for taking pictures at the Raiders' football games for use in the Raider Log and The Sun.



Jim Reynolds, head JV football coach, was unable to attend the banquet. Coach Preston Vickers and Assistant Robert Hart and Kenneth Lutz presented each Freshmen and JV player a t-shirt and trophy. The team was the undefeated champion for 1998.



Dwight Forbe (l) was presented the Academic trophy by Yolanda Smith, the academic coach.



Tramaine Knight (r) was presented the "Most Improved Player of the Year" trophy by Coach Odester Freeman (l).



Claude Harriot (r) received a trophy for his success as a Defensive Lineman, as well as the MVP award. Pictured with Claude is Coach Bueno.



Each Raider cheerleader was introduced and presented with a trophy.



Coach Wright (l) presented the Coaches Award to Calvin Edwards.



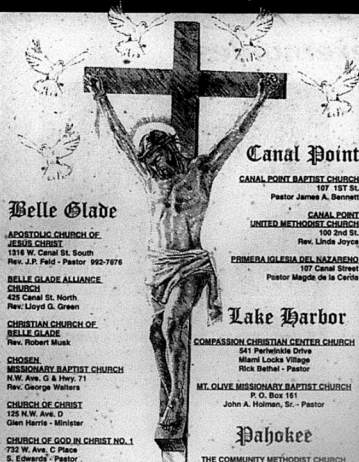
Thomas Lockett (r), a graduate of WCHS was the guest speaker for the occasion. The theme was "I Believe, What About You?". His message was about making the best of what you have, using personal experiences from before and after graduation. Coach Watson (l) presented Mr. Lockett and his wife Regina each with a plaque for their generosity in donations and support to the team while in Gainesville.



Coach Seider (l) presented Kevin Hyman the trophy for "Best Offensive Lineman."

**SunPhotos by  
Adrian "Big A"  
Vereen**

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## Obituaries

Week of March 14, 1999

**Juana Navarro**, 97, of Belle Glade, departed this life on Tuesday, March 2. Mrs. Navarro was born April 30, 1901, in Cuba, but has been a resident of Belle Glade for many years.

Mrs. Navarro had spent her life as a homemaker and caregiver for her family.

Mrs. Navarro left behind six children: four boys; Orestes, Benigno, Armando and Nestor, who all reside in the area and two girls Maria and Dora, who remain in Cuba. She also left behind many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as a host of other friends and relatives.

Visitation for Mrs. Navarro was held Wednesday, March 3 in the Chapel of Mixson Funeral Home with funeral services on Thursday, March 4.

Interment followed at Foreverglades Cemetery in Belle Glade. Mixson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Covered Dish Banquet at Belle Glade Alliance Church

The Belle Glade Alliance Church will hold a Family Covered Dish Banquet on March 10 and March 11 at 7 p.m. and on March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The guest for the banquet will be Parables in Pastel who will present Family Life Gathering.

For over 22 years Gary and Marty Means of Baden, Pa. have been privileged to travel and minister to congregations, groups and organizations up and down the eastern seaboard from New England to Florida.

They specialize in a unique ministry of encouragement to Christians young and old. They challenge those who need to make decisions for Jesus. They have a ministry for any church

or group regardless of denomination or location.

The unique presentation is designed to help church growth, by encouraging your church family to go out and bring others into the fellowship of the Church Family and the Family of God.

All ages will enjoy the presentation. There is something for everyone. They are licensed by the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

The program features Gary at the Easel and Inspirational chalk illustrated messages in full color with black light, beautiful musical accompaniment, light hearted, but memorable stories and lessons in ventriloquism with Marty, Denver and Darcy.



**Marine Cpl. Daniel P. Scott**, son of Jack E. Scott of Belle Glade recently participated in a bilateral exercise with the Kenya military while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) aboard the ship of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

Conducted in Mombasa, Kenya, exercise Edged Mallet 99 was a four-day humanitarian assistance operation held at a local hospital. In addition to providing medical and dental attention to more than 1,400 locals, Marines and Sailors from Scott's unit distributed Project Handclasp materials which included medical and hygiene supplies. They also volunteered time to make repairs at the hospital and renovate two local schools. Project Handclasp is an official Navy program established in 1962 to promote mutual understanding, respect and good will through direct person-to-person contact between American citizens and citizens of other lands. Humanitarian, educational and good will materials, donated by various U.S. organizations are distributed to needy citizens in foreign countries. Servicemen assisting in these operations serve as good will ambassadors for all of the United States.

Home based in Camp Pendleton, Calif., Scott's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support group and a command element. With the combination of these teams, Scott's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Scott is a 1995 graduate of Glades Day School.

## The Swaby Family Expressions

Gratefully, the family of Barbara S. S. Swaby, wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our many friends, neighbors, and relatives for all acts of kindness shown during our time of sorrow. Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair; Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there; Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say; Or perhaps you were there to help bear our grief. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we would like to thank you so much for whatever the part. It is our prayer that God will forever keep each of you.

Thank You,  
The Family of Barbara S. S. Swaby



**Karen Cote**, a member of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, is conducting a woodworking class for a group of girls at the GladesKids Activity Center. GladesKids is an out-of-school program sponsored by Catholic Charities and Children's Services Council located at 710 S. Main St. in Belle Glade.

## Social News

Alpha Sigma Lambda, Iota Delta Chapter National Honor Society indicated Shakin Hamilton.

The Continuing Education Program of Bethune Cookman College had 27 inductees into the National Honor Society. A total of eight Florida sites were represented at the induction ceremony in Belle Glade, Bradenton, Fort Pierce, Lake Wales, Sanford and West Palm Beach.

Shakina Hamilton and Mrs. Sandra Baldwin were the two students who earn the distinguished status of being inducted into the society from the Belle Glade site. The site Coordinator is Mrs. Lois Lewis, The site Director is Dr. Roberto Barragan, Jr.

The induction ceremony was held at the St. James AME Church in Sanford on Saturday, Feb. 20. It was also the 20th anniversary celebration on the continuing education program.

The speaker for the evening was the esteemed Dr. Oswald P. Bronson Sr., president of Bethune Cookman College.

The Bethune College Concert Choral also performed several selections on the program.

Honoree Hamilton was given the opportunity to participate on the program. She performed a dynamic, inspirational speech which included the legacy of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and the inspirational words of Maya Angelou, Still I Rise. Ms. Hamilton received a standing ovation for her presentation.

XI Beta Tau Sorority members in Pahokee held their monthly meeting on Thursday March 4 at the home of Jo Hatton. A computerized beauty program was presented and the members saw themselves with long hair, short hair, dark hair and light hair as well as a variety of styles.

It was a fun evening laughing at ourselves and each other. Refreshments were provided by Mirtha Graydon, Jo Hatton, Kay Korbly, JoAnn Law, Omaid Milliron, Tina Provenza, Amy Schenck, Sandy Simonson and Daughter-in-law, Valli, Linda Stanley and her sister Sharon and Carlene Walker.

On Saturday, March 6 members toured the Norton Museum of Art, viewing the "Angel of the Vatican" and then joined together at the Bimini Bay Cafe for lunch. Sharing the day were: Mirtha Graydon, Jo Hatton, Kay Korbly, JoAnn Law, Omaid Milliron, Tina Provenza and her Mom & Dad Rory & Todd Beck, Amy Schenck, Sandy Simonson and Daughter-in-law, Valli, Linda Stanley and her sister Sharon and Carlene Walker.

## Chance of a Lifetime at ARC

If you, a family member or a friend have a developmental disability, such as spin bifida, autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy or other developmental disabilities, the coming year may be a turning point in your life.

Of the estimated 900 people with mental retardation or those with other developmental disabilities living in Western Palm Beach County, less than a third are getting any State funded Developmental Services.

A major reason for this is that nobody knows where you are, and if they don't know where you are, they can't know what you need.

Literally, now is the chance of a lifetime. Newly inaugurated Governor Jeb Bush, recently proposed his 1999-2000 budget for Florida and for the first time in Florida's history, the Governor has recognized the overlooked and under-served population of adult Floridians with Mental Retardation and other developmental disabilities. He has identified Developmental Services as a top priority and has focused on eliminating wait lists and overall improvement of Developmental Services to all eligible Floridians.

Included in his budget proposal is a \$217 million dollar increase in the Developmental Services Budget; the single largest increase in this program's funding by any governor in Florida's history.

Individuals eligible for services from the Developmental Services Program of the Department of Children & Families need to be enrolled by that department to receive those services. Among those services are:

- Assistance in funding, training for and maintaining employment (supported employment).
- Learning the skills needed to move into and maintain your own home (supported living).
- Learning fundamental social skills (adult day training).
- Pre-vocational skill development learning to support employment (sheltered activities).

Glades Area ARC is a principal provider of those services and programs in the Glades Area.

Some programs are in the community. Supported employment assists individuals with job identification, placement and "on the job" and "hands on" training.

Help is available to retrain or help solve problems for as long as the person is employed and may not involve any in-house program participation or may involve adult education at West Tech or through an ARC program held at Palm Beach Community College.

Program services like Adult Day Training are at the ARC facility and provide an environment where individuals can be prepared for increasing greater involvement with the community.

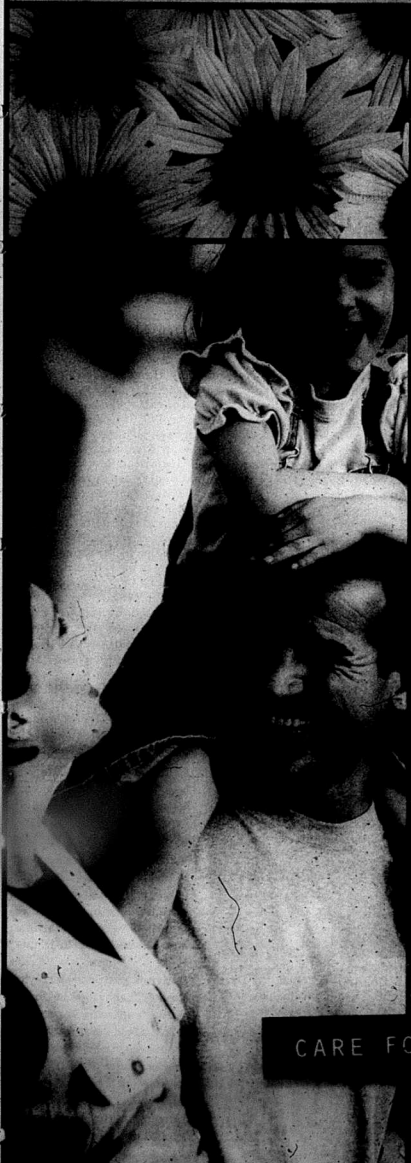
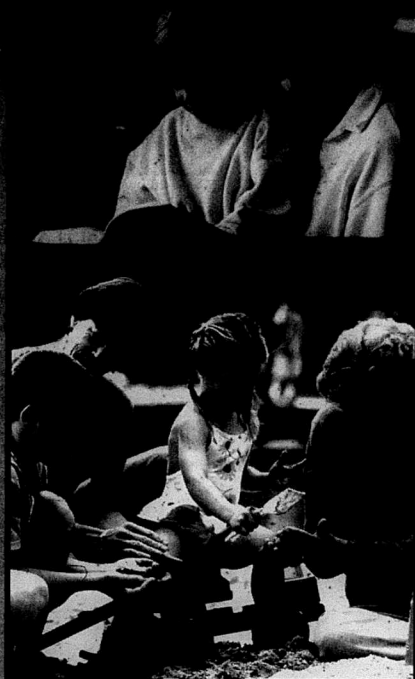
Two things must happen to make this opportunity a reality. First, the legislature must approve the proposal of the Governor to make this Developmental Services budget increase a reality and second, individuals who need this type of service must let the Department of Children & Families know they are eligible and want the service.

Call the Glades Area ARC at 996-9583 if you have any questions about types of services or who to call to become eligible for them.

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Sheriff Robert Neumann attended graduation of the first D.A.R.E. program at Pioneer Park Elementary School on Thursday, March 4.



Who is this masked man? Cpt. Gary Frechette entertaining the fifth graders during the D.A.R.E. graduation at Pioneer Park.

## First Annual D.A.R.E. Graduation at Pioneer Park Elementary

Pioneer Park Elementary School held their first annual D.A.R.E. graduation on Thursday, March 4.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert Neumann was the guest speaker for the program that graduated 91 fifth graders from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. He gave them words of encouragement and inspiration for a job well done.

"What you have done is a really important foundation for what you may not do the rest of your life," said Sheriff Neumann. "By graduating from this program you have accomplished something that is very important. What is not going to be easy is being able every single day of your life to do the right thing and say no to not only drugs but to alcohol and tobacco as well."

Sheriff Neumann told the children that before they make a decision that could affect them the rest of their life, to take a few minutes to think, "is this the right thing to do?"

"I am very honored to be here at the first D.A.R.E. graduation and I am very proud of every one of you," Sheriff Neumann said.

Captain Gary Frechette, who works out of the Belle Glade sub-station, was also the guest speaker and praised Deputy Lee Sutterfield for helping to bring the D.A.R.E. program to Pioneer Park Elementary.

"Lee is the first D.A.R.E. officer in the Glades and when she came to me and told me she wanted to become a D.A.R.E. officer I told her it was one of the most difficult schools in the country," said Capt. Frechette. "As it turned out, she graduated first in her class and we are very proud of her."

Capt. Frechette told the fifth graders there were three things he wanted them to remember about the 17 week program.

First, do what is right. Second, always do your best and third, treat others as you want to be treated.

Deputy Sutterfield then announced the winner and runner-up in the essay contest.

The winner was Anthony Allen and runner-up was Shagwendolyn Fields.

Pioneer Park D.A.R.E. Graduates were:

Jonerio Dukes, James Craig, Jacqueline Akins, Untavious Scott, Jokita Jenkins, Chrisahe Williams, Chikulis Barnes, Wilner Jacquet, Kyrsten Sears, Timothy Davis, Jeff Pierre, Rodeon Fraser, Glenis Thompson, Chrisahe Royce, Wismicka Lemene, Lynphas Henry, Clarenisha Lewis, Travis Spencer, Cassandra Anderson, Jeremy Sparkman, Lewell Brown, Courtney Williams, Demetrick Rolle, Tonnisha Cain, Tavaris Dixon, Miteria Smith, Micheal Nelms, Altavious Hill, Bernita Willingham, Macteria Jordan, Anthony Allen, Arnold Jackson, Jose Olivera, Jessica Brown, Jamar Belgrave, Vanley Elisee, Latoya Holley, Jakevious Federick, Grenelle Williams, Jenny Thomas, Shagwendolyn Fields, Terria Sanford, Treavous Matthews, Brittney Lovely, Cynthia Bridges, Antoine Warren, Steven Morgan, Ja'Colby Tyler, Maurice King, Juanika Brown, Katrina Whitaker, Maria Diaz, Justin Young, Mikeshia Miller, Eloy Villarreal, Abelino Solas, Alejandro Infante, Johnnette Moore, Donyetta Brooks, Claudia Ramirez, Oscar Sanchez, Jr., Timothy Ward, Juan Medellin, Martine



Shagwendolyn Fields read her runner-up essay to the other D.A.R.E. students during the first annual D.A.R.E. graduation at Pioneer Park Elementary.



Anthony Allen was the winner of the D.A.R.E. program essay contest held during the 17 week program. He read the essay to the classes and guests at the graduation ceremony held on Thursday, March 4.

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Among specialties represented by doctors now regularly scheduling patients in Clewiston:

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• IMMUNOLOGY  
Adults & Pediatrics

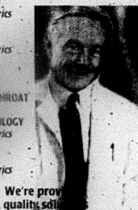
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Adults & Pediatrics

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### Gove Elementary School

Any seventh grader interested in a Dual Language program are welcome to attend a presentation by Pahokee Middle/Senior High School at Gove Elementary on March 16. Next year Pahokee is offering a Dual Language and College Preparatory Program that is designed for the student who has an interest in languages and desires to attend college.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner. Free T-shirts will be given to those students who register at this meeting for the Dual Language and College Preparatory Program. Join Gove Elementary for their SAC meeting on Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.

### Glades Day School

Gator Tales By Donna Dixon & Jennifer Pate

March 8 and 9 were two important days for faculty and student at GDS. The Florida Council of Independent Schools evaluation team came to our GDS campus to give its five year school accreditation. The team toured the campus, observed classrooms and talked with teachers and students about the positive changes that have been made over the past five years.

On March 15, the annual Spanish Day will occur in Tripp Hall. Students from Spanish I, II, III will set up booths of many different Spanish cultures. The booths will include food from that culture, history and there also will be music entertainment from a variety of cultures.

"They Run In Our Family" is this year's senior class play. The play is a three-act comedy about a family called the Pennywinners. They run, jog, do push-ups and they all do their part to make their household a veritable gymnasium. Tickets are on sale for \$10 through the GDS financial aid office or the senior class. It will be held on March 19 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at 8



Glades Day School's Varsity Basketball Team advanced to the Class 2A Regional Semifinals this year. Pictured (L-R) Are Jai Subramanya, Jake Davis, Ryan Shackelford, Josh Braddock, Eddie Motes, Coach Dick Schmidt, Kit Hamilton, Larry Garrett, Jonathan Lively, Jesse Montalto and Patrick Cross.

## Varsity basketball team has turnaround

In just two seasons, Glades Day School's basketball coach Dick Schmidt took the varsity boys' basketball team from a 2-24 record to 15-

15 and a berth in the regional semifinals.

The Gators, runner-up in the district after losing to Benjamin in the championship game, went on to upset heavily favored Moore Haven, 76-65, in the regional quarterfinals.

The victory earned the players a trip to Lakeland in the semifinals, where they lost to Santa Fe Catholic, 67-42. Part of the reason for the team's success can be attributed to senior forward Larry Garrett, who broke two school records enroute to scoring over 1,000 points over the last two seasons. He set a new record for most points in a game with 48 against Trinity Christian and also for most points in a single season (582).

Garrett, an All-Area selection for the Palm Beach Post in '98, also led

area small schools with three-point shots (62). He was fourth in the area in rebounding, with an average of 7.6 per game.

One person does not make a team, however. He was also supported by a talented group that included seniors Jake Davis, Eddie Motes and Kit Hamilton and juniors Patrick Cross, Jesse Montalto, Jonathan Lively, Jai Subramanya, Ryan Shackelford and Josh Braddock.

Hamilton led area small schools in rebounding with 288 or an average of 11.5 per game. Cross was second in the area in assists with 115 or an average of five per game. Davis was not far behind with 77 (3.1 average).

As a team, the players averaged 62.9 points per game on offense, second only to Benjamin, the district champions.



Glades Day senior Larry Garrett led the Gators to a 15-15 record and a berth in the regional semifinals. Scoring 1,000 points in the past two seasons, he set two school records: Most points in a game (48) and most points in a season (582).



Charles, Cro'netta Knowles, Keisha Green, Estela Diaz, Ro'Brittney Wilkerson, Ransheena King, Everton Hammond, Ronisha Thomas, Jaronelle Rumph, Jessica Jones, Tyrone Patterson, Frantz Exilhomme, Chiquis Barnes, Greyvostika Davis, Renee Thomas, Leroy Benjamin, Paquerra King, Evernisha Morgan, Charles Coney, Michael Key, Tuhetta

Jackson, Daniel Vernon, Dimitri Benoit, Darryl Woodson, Tanisha Jolly, Daniel Hammond, Malcolm Amos, Damon Gipson.

A special thanks was given to fifth grade teachers, Boys and Girls Club, Pioneer Park, Tony Rocher, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Explorers Post # 611.

## Pigeon Project at West Tech

The Carpentry Department at West Technical Education Center in Belle Glade has accepted a major utility project requested by Mr. Greg Phillips.

The project, an eight foot by 18 foot "pigeon coop" is being built by carpentry students: Robert Bongiorno, Joe Buck, Chris Britt, Rafael Cisneros, Adrain Dilworth, Eddie Ibarra, Maurice Jessie, Joel Martinez, Josh Maynor, Omar Rodriguez, Paul Ruozzo, Jason Stravropolous, James Taylor, Rosa Wilkerson and Jimmy Wilson under the supervision of instructor, Jim Proctor.

According to Mr. Proctor, the project is offering the students substantial "hands-on" experience in framing, flooring and shingling, skills that can be applied in the work place.





# The Sun Classifieds

Interested applicants should contact Earl Myles or Parkes Casselberry at 561-924-5922. 3/11

**PROJECT SPECIALIST:** Temporary contractual Pot Luck in The Muck (PLM) project specialist position. This is a temporary position, that may become full time in the near future, through the Glades Community Development Corporation's PLM theatrical production. This production is a compilation of vignettes and observations about the culture and heritage of the Glades presented in the words of residents who live and work in this community. Under the supervision of GDCO and the PLM Advisory Committee, the Project Specialist will carry out the development plans for the May 9 and 10 performances. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Glades residency required. High school diploma/GED plus 2 years experience in theatrical activities through professional, community or faith-based programs. Must maintain flexible hours and provide personal transportation. No benefits provided at this time. Resumes must be submitted by 3/17/99, 5PM to the attention of Carmen Canales at GDCO, 401 SE 2nd St., Belle Glade, FL 33430. 561-992-9500. FAX: 561-992-9501. This position is funded by the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties. 3/11

**RECREATION COORDINATOR:** New Hope Charities, Inc. in Pahokee, is currently seeking a Recreation Coordinator/Counselor. CDL license is required. Good schedule and benefits. Send or bring resume to: New Hope Charities, Inc., Family Center, 7450 State Road 15, US 441, Pahokee, FL 33476. Attn: Mr. Guillermo Rivera. 3/11

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**TELLER:** First Federal, LaBelle office, has an immediate opening for a Teller. No experience necessary. Excellent benefits, salary commensurate with experience. Apply in person at our LaBelle office, 9AM-3PM. EOE. 3/11

**ABSOLUTE AUCTION:** Bayfront 3 level house on Manasota Key. Wed., March 10, 7195 Manasota Key Rd., Englewood. Call for brochure, 941-488-1500. Neal Van De Ree auctioneers. RE Broker. 3/11

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**CIVIL SERVICE EXAM FOR CLERK-TYPE**  
Examinations for the position of Clerk Typist (City of Belle Glade) will be held at the Municipal Complex from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on 3/25/99.  
Applications must be filed with the Personnel Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on 3/24/99.  
Civil Service rules will apply.  
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**CIVIL SERVICE EXAM FOR BUSKATERS**  
Examinations for the position of Buskatcher (City of Belle Glade) will be held at the Municipal Complex from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on 3/25/99.  
Applications must be filed with the Personnel Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on 3/24/99.  
Civil Service rules will apply.  
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**CIVIL SERVICE EXAM FOR FIREFIGHTERS**  
Examinations for the position of Firefighter (City of Belle Glade) will be held at the Municipal Complex from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on 3/25/99.  
Contact Personnel Department for requirements.  
Applications must be filed with the Personnel Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on 3/24/99.  
Civil Service rules will apply.  
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**CIVIL SERVICE EXAM FOR POLICE OFFICERS**  
Examinations for the position of Police Officer (City of Belle Glade) will be held at the Municipal Complex from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on 3/25/99.  
Contact Personnel Department for requirements.  
Applications must be filed with the Personnel Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on 3/24/99.  
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Contact Personnel Department for requirements.  
Applications must be filed with the Personnel Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on 3/24/99.  
Civil Service rules will apply.  
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Legal No. 99-42

**CIVIL SERVICE EXAM FOR ACCOUNTING CLERKS**  
Examinations for the position of Accounting Clerk (City of Belle Glade) will be held at the Municipal Complex from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on 3/25/99.  
Contact Personnel Department for requirements.  
Applications must be filed with the Personnel Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on 3/24/99.  
Civil Service rules will apply.  
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Legal No. 99-43

**PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING HOUSING REGULATION PROGRAM**  
The Department of Housing and Community Development will be opening its application list for property owners who wish to participate in its Housing Rehabilitation Program. Names will be accepted from property owners who are:

1. Low and moderate income households.
2. Owner occupants of properties containing one to four dwelling units.
3. Owners of properties located in unincorporated Palm Beach County or within the municipal limits of: Altamira, Collier, Greenwood, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypocrite, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Mangrove Park, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Tequesta, Wellington.

Telephone calls will be accepted beginning 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 15, 1999 at 561-233-3632. Callers will be asked to provide their name, address and phone number so they may be contacted for an appointment to submit complete documentation for

eligibility determination. Calls will be taken until 40 names are received and allocated to the north, south and west areas of the County.  
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## BELLE GLADE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOUND PROPERTY LIST

Property can be seen Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- 99-06186 Cellular Phone
- 99-06072 Identification Cards
- 99-04381 Bicycle
- 99-06080 Handgun
- 99-00011 Handgun
- 99-01401 Dues and Currency
- 99-01547 Handgun
- 99-01251 Two (2) Bicycles
- 99-02066 Sporting
- 99-04603 Cellular Phone
- 99-03572 Stereo
- 99-00862 Air Conditioner
- 99-00118 Air Conditioner
- 99-05481 Compact Disk Stereo
- 99-03650 Television
- 99-03711 Gun

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On March 16, 1999 at 10:00 a.m., a public auction will be held at 655 US 27 North in South Bay, Florida. The following vehicles will be auctioned off for charges. All sales will be cash.

1. 1983 Chevy 101AN904X13153
2. 1977 Ford 1F8B91D7H1A148460
3. 1986 Volkswagen 1VWPA1D7C032753
4. 1988 Hyundai 10M12L2LQJ1U192305
5. 1984 Chrysler 1C3B42L6D7C009917
6. 1988 Oldsmobile 102A51W03X02959

All of the above vehicles are currently stored at the 655 US 27 North location in South Bay, Florida.  
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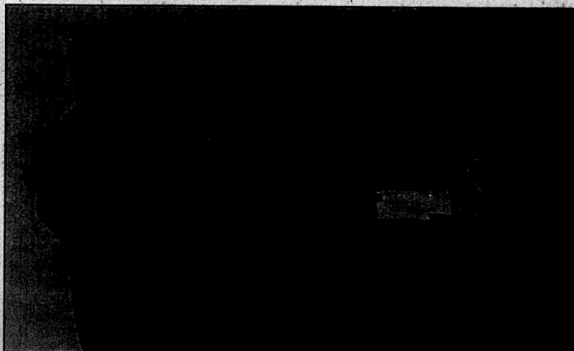
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Steve Baumgartner, president of Glades ARC, was presented a check for \$2,500 from USSC Director of Corporate Communications Judy Sanchez. Executive Director of ARC Sot Kannel said the money will be used to make renovations to the kitchen at the facility. From Left to Right: Sot Kannel, Steve Baumgartner and Judy Sanchez

### 3rd annual senior rider contest underway on Palm Tran

Palm Tran kicked off its annual Senior Rider of the Year Contest on Monday, March 8. The highly successful contest gives seniors the opportunity to compete for wonderful prizes and is a unique way for them to share how the Palm Tran bus system has enhanced their lives.

The contest requests seniors to share in their own words why they should be selected as Palm Tran's Senior Rider of the Year.

Entries may not exceed 250

words and will be judged on originality, sincerity, system knowledge and enthusiasm.

Entry forms are posted inside buses, at the Senior Activities Festival at any Palm Tran location or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Palm Tran, 3201 Electronics Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

The first place winner will receive a Lifetime Palm Tran Pass plus a Contessa Cruise for two and a \$100 shopping spree.

The second place winner will

receive a five-year Palm Tran Pass plus a Contessa Cruise for two and a \$75 shopping spree.

The third place winner will receive a one year Palm Tran Pass and a \$25 shopping spree.

The first 100 entrants will be invited to Piccadilly Cafeteria on Friday, April 9 for a complimentary luncheon where the top three winners will be announced.

Closing date for entries is 4 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Only one entry per person.

## Harvest AME and PACE Center for Girls perform at Black History Service

Jewels is what they look like as the girls' step team under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Thompson and Mrs. Rickett, appeared to the Harvest family as they made their presentation, which brought tears to eyes of board members, Rev. Patricia Wallace and Minister Kenneth Jackson.

The crowd of families in attendance at the Black History Service was happy to know that the girls with dignity and pride, moved in grace to much of "Something about the Name Jesus."

Thanks go out to the PACE family for the time, talent and treasures given to the nurturing of such beautiful young ladies.

Thanks to the following girls: Watrecia Burks, Natara Miller, Marquitta Wilcher, Maria Paul, Kimone Ellis, LaToya Dunning, Ethel Johnson and Sabrina McFarland.

### ELECTION/FROM PG. 1

Ms. Berry, 52, unsuccessfully ran for a commission seat several years ago. She plans to move the city towards a better working relationship with schools and to improve the needs of children and families in South Bay.

Ms. Berry, an assistant professor at PBOC in Belle Glade holds an Ed.D. from Howard University in Washington, D.C., a Master's degree from George Peabody College for Teachers (now Vanderbilt University) and a Bachelor's de-

gree from Bethune Cookman College.

She returned to South Bay in 1995 to apply her skills to address the challenges that confront the Glades Community. She resides in South Bay with her 84-year-old mother in a house built by her father.

Ms. Davis is the youngest African-American female in Palm Beach County ever elected to a commission seat.

She has lived in South Bay all of her life and has been employed by the Palm Beach County School Board for the past five years and presently

teaches at Glades Central Community High School.

She has participated with the Youth Advisory Council in South Bay and is a former chairperson for the Police and Community Relations Committee.

The two-year term will pay commissioners \$3,774 per year.

Two other issues which passed during the Tuesday election included a referendum of the Land Acquisition Program for Conservation Purposes and the Recreational and Cultural Facilities Projects to Enhance the Quality of Life in Palm Beach County.

## Youth from Boys & Girls Club of Belle Glade to Philadelphia

Youth from the Boys & Girls Club of Belle Glade converged on Philadelphia to discuss "The American Dream: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Excellence."

According to Kenneth Funderburk, teen coordinator/Keystone advisor, as the nation faces the 21st century, America needs teens who dare to dream and achieve, who are proactive instead of reactive and who are determined to make a difference in the lives of others.

This is the spirit behind Boys & Girls Club of America's 32nd Annual TEENSUPREME National Keystone Conference. Motivated teens from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Belle Glade were among the nearly 1,500 youth attending the three-day event in Philadelphia, the birthplace of freedom, to discuss "The American Dream: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Excellence."

Planned and led by a steering committee of teen leaders, the Keystone Conference, held March 4-6, at the Philadelphia Marriott, focused on issues of importance to youth as they head into the next century.

Discussion topics ranged from redefining the American dream and assuming civic responsibility to preventing relationship violence, becoming

technologically literate and examining teens and the media.

The national conference is part of TEENSUPREME, a six year, \$15 million outreach initiative targeting teens at risk sponsored by the Taco Bell Foundation and administered by Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Keystone Clubs are leadership groups, age 14-18, within Boys & Girls Clubs that focus on community service. The Change Makers members who attended the conference were Jacque Stivil, Melissa Kinney, Dorothea Kinney, Froner Moise and Answell Lebrun.

This is the first year that the local Club has sent delegates to the national event.

Delivering an inspirational message to the youth was Liberty Franklin, Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth of the Year.

Born on the day in 1981 when the Iranian hostages were freed and cried, "Liberty!" Liberty was raised by a single mother in a low-income housing project where drugs, crime and violence are regular occurrences.

She witnessed her mother's excessive drinking and watched her siblings drift in

and out of prison and drug rehabilitation programs.

Despite her grim surroundings, Liberty is defying the odds. The future orthodontist is a 3.95 student and on pace to be the first person in her family to graduate from high school. She hopes to one day provide free dental care to low-income children.

The Taco Bell Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, was established by the Taco Bell Corporation as a public charity in 1992 to help the communities it serves. Money for the TEENSUPREME program is raised by the foundation through charitable donations collected in canisters in the company's restaurants as well as participating franchise restaurants.

The Boys & Girls Clubs has played an integral role in the Belle Glade community for 5 years, providing guidance-oriented programs and services to 1,200 young people annually. The Clubs are open five days a week from 2 until 8 p.m. with programs that emphasize character and leadership development, education and career enhancement, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation.

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